

**REMARKS**

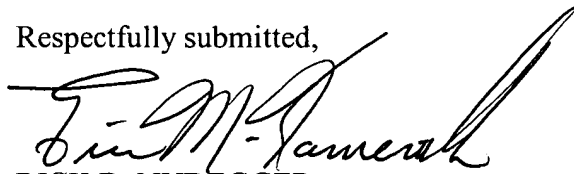
The final Office Action mailed April 22, 2004 (paper no. 7) indicated that claims 1-3, 5-26, and 37-44 are allowed, but finally rejected claims 27-36. Accordingly, in order secure a prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5-26, and 37-44, Applicants have canceled claims 27-36 as indicated above without prejudice.

Because this amendment merely cancels claims, this paper complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), and therefore should be entered.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for prompt allowance. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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